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1. AS PUT IN REF A, DFA'S QUESTION ON CRS IMPLIES THAT THERE IS A FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. PAROLE PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ESTABLISHED IN REF C ENDED LATE IN 1976, AND THEREAFTER ONLY CONDITIONAL ENTRY POSSIBLE AS DESCRIBED REFTEL D FOR THOSE ESCAPING BY BOAT. BOAT CASE REFUGEES ELIGIBLE IF THEY HAVE IMMEDIATE RELATIVES IN US, OR IF FORMER USG EMPLOYEES, OR IF CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH US PROGRAMS IN THEIR HOMELANDS. IF REFUGEES HAVE RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITY IN SOME OTHER COUNTRY - E.G., AUSTRALIA - THEN THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR US PROGRAM, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS FOR SPOUSE OR MINOR CHILDREN OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD ALREADY IN US.

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2. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AMONG THEM THE MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE (USCC), ASSIST USG IN THIS PROGRAM FOR BOAT CASE REFUGEES.

CRS, THOUGH AN ELEMENT OF USCC, HAS NO ROLE IN THIS PROGRAM. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AN OFFICER OF THE CRS MIGHT

PERFORM SOME SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE USCC'S MIGRATION
AND REFUGEE SERVICE, BUT THE CRS AS SUCH IS NOT INVOLVED.

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